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#### CRITICIZE INFERIOR FOOD FACILITIES

Dimitrovo, 15 May -- Dimitrovo is one of the largest workers' centers in Bulgaria. The growth of this city parallels the rapid industrial development of the country. The coal mine steadily increases its output, new plants are being built, and new smelting furnaces and electric power stations spring up.

The heavy physical labor of the miners demand nourishing food. For that reason, the foodstuffs which are sold on the free market in the city are bought up and consumed immediately. In the stores of the "Gradska Turgoviya" (City Trade) and "Narmag" establishments sugar products, Khalva, marmalades, etc. can seldom be found.

Obliged to work a continuous 8 hours per day in the pit, the miner cannot go without a snack of some kind. For that reason, the managers of the commercial establishments in the city must take serious measures to ensure a regular and adequate supply of nourishing foodstuffs at free market prices.

The "Gradska Turgoviya" Establishment in Dimitrovo has achieved considerable success thus far. It has opened and equipped very satisfactorily a number of restaurants where one can obtain tasty and nourishing food, and in which the service is of a high grade. The Baykal Restaurant, near the city park, and the restaurant in the Krakra area deserve special mention. In these the miners get good service during their rest periods.

The restaurants of the "Gradska Turgoviya" Establishment are commendable. However, the cafeterias serving the hard-working coal miners are unsatisfactory. The central cafeteria, as well as the cafeterias at the different pits, are inferior. The food in the central cafeteria is often good one day, but bad the next. The miners have a right to voice their indignation about the bad food. At present, only 100 workers take their meals at the central miners' cafeteria. The rest of the clients consist of some 500 students from the technical high school; these are boarders who are obliged to take their meals

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in the cafeteria. Very often, even during entire weeks, only beans and saccharin-sweetened compote are served for dinner in the cafeteria. This is inadequate diet for the miners of the third (night) shift who must dig during the whole night.

Since the food served in the cafeteria is paid for in advance, the responsible officials do not care about the quality and variety of the food, nor whether the workers will consume it or discard it. Thus, for instance, on 8 May, only rolls were served as a second dish at dinner, and on 10 May, rolls were given for breakfast. The rolls were spoiled and moldy. These rolls were produced by the "Gradska Turgoviya" Establishment on 27 and 28 April, and delivered to the "Narmag" Establishment on 1 May. Since they could not sell the rolls elsewhere, the managers of the "Narmag" Establishment solved their problem by selling them to the workers' cafeterias at 20 leva apiece. The supply manager of the cafeteria excuses his acceptance of the rolls by the fact that they had been delivered to him personally by the head of the "Prekhvana" (Food Supply) Office. Since the rolls were quite dry, orders were given that they be soaked in sugar syrup. In the presence of the director of the technical high school, whose students take their meals in the cafeteria, it was verified that the rolls were indeed moldy. In spite of all this, the head of the "Prekhvana" Office, A. Mirchev, declared that the rolls were edible because they had been examined by the sanitary authorities.

The case which we have cited is not unique. Some miners have even complained that they have found worms in salami served at the cafeteria.

The modern bakery at the mine supplies the workers with bread. It is astonishing that despite its up-to-date equipment the bread that it bakes is of inferior quality compared to bread produced by the ordinary city bakeries. Inefficiency and carelessness in the baking process are the causes of this.

The condition of the pantries is poor from the hygienic viewpoint. The management of the mechanized bakery has repeatedly requested the mine office to enlarge the premises and to supply adequate pantry space, but so far no changes have taken place.

In conclusion, the present organization of the communal food and bread supply of Dimitrovo is in complete contradiction to the requirements set forth in the decree for the development of socialist trade.

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